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Section 1. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder comprising:

a handle portion;

a head portion;

said handle portion integrally attached to said head portion;

said handle portion made of injection molded plastic to a flat elongate shape approximately seven and one half inches long, one inch wide and one eighth of an inch thick;

said handle portion tapering to approximately one half of an inch at the junction point between said handle and said head;

said handle having raised portions to help the user maintain his grip on said handle;

said head portion attached at a right angle to said handle and shaped to allow the end of a standard an ammunition belt to snap onto it said head portion;

said head portion being approximately cylindrically shaped and approximately the diameter if of a standard bullet contained in said standard ammunition belt; and

said head portion being flattened longitudinally on one side and including a longitudinally disposed recess so that the feed pawl on of a standard machine gun is not activated by said head portion.

2. (Currently amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion mates with ~~a US Army standard issue machine gun~~ a 7.62 mm machine gun.

3. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion links easily to a 7.62 mm ammunition belt.



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4. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion accepts 5.56 mm belted ammunition.

5. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said ammunition feeder is constructed of stiff yet flexible plastic.

6. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder allows the user to load ammunition into said machine gun without opening the feed tray of the gun.

7. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder pushes empty shell casings from said machine gun outside the gun.

8. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder helps reduce the time of loading said machine gun by a factor of ten over conventional loading times.

9. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder can be used to load said machine gun at night and in conditions of low visibility.

10. (Previously submitted): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion accepts 50 caliber belted ammunition.